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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Meeting with Chairman John Sparkman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, re Section 662 of the Foreign Assistance Act as amended

1. Accompanied the Director to a meeting with Chairman John Sparkman to discuss ways and means of reporting to the Committee in compliance with Section 662 of the Foreign Assistance Act as amended. Mr. Pat Holt, Staff Director, joined us at the Chairman's request. The Director expressed his serious concern about maintaining the security of this information and outlined the various procedures we have worked out with other committees. He noted especially that in all other committees this information would be received by a subcommittee and he outlined the arrangements that can be made for the handling of transcripts. Further, the Director expressed the strong hope that staff access to this information would be limited to one or at the most two people. Chairman Sparkman had no difficulty with an arrangement for the transcript which would provide for the omission of specific names on the record and for the custody of the transcript to remain with the Agency as has been followed in all other cases of CIA testimony. He made no commitment regarding the number of members who would receive these reports and inferred this was a matter which would have to be taken up or be resolved by the full Committee. At the end of the meeting, Mr. Holt expressed regret they had not been able to follow up on our desire to brief the Committee sooner and it was made clear that we would not discontinue current covert activities pending a report to the Committee.

2. The Director mentioned the NID and offered to make it available to the Committee through Mr. Holt. It was agreed that this document would not be accessible to all staff members and would be retained by Mr. Holt personally for members to read at his desk. It was further understood the NID would be delivered in the morning and picked up each evening by courier.

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